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FIBRE CHARACTERISTICS**

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AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment in response to the Office Action dated  
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CLAIMS

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1, (Twice Amended) A method for predictively assessing one or more characteristics of wood fibre or wood pulp to be produced from a solid wood member, comprising the steps of:

- causing sound to be transmitted through the solid wood member;
- determining the velocity of the transmitted sound through the solid wood member; and
- predictively assessing at least one characteristic of wood fibre or wood pulp to be produced from the solid wood member by reference at least in part to the determined sound velocity through the solid wood.

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